ATHLETIC TRAINING
+ Doisy College of Health Sciences

DEGREE(S)

+ Five-year Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in exercise science and Master of Athletic Training (M.A.T.)

ABOUT THE FACULTY

The athletic training education faculty are a dedicated group of professors, assistant professors and instructors. They bring a wealth of expertise, scholarship, professionalism and dedication to each and every class and student.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The contemporary athletic trainer is a professional whose primary focus is athletic health care. Athletic training practice includes injury prevention, injury assessment, immediate management of athletic injury, rehabilitation and sport specific conditioning, administrative duties and professional development.

The athletic training education program is designed as a five-year graduate level program. Students who begin the program as freshmen spend their first three years completing the required liberal arts and science prerequisite courses. Students who meet academic and professional behavior requirements continue into the professional phase of the program after their junior year.

The two-year professional phase of the program includes coursework in human anatomy and kinesiology, clinical sciences, research and administration. Students participate in clinical experiences each semester. Following graduation, the student must pass the Board of Certification examination to practice as a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC).

CURRICULUM

Advantages to earning a Master of Athletic Training at Saint Louis University include:

+ Direct admission to the program as a freshman
+ Advancement through the entire athletic training program without additional application processes, provided the student remains in good standing
+ Opportunities to pursue additional curricular goals such as minors, certificates and study abroad programs
+ NCAA Division I athletic program
+ Diversity of clinical training sites
+ Highly accessible faculty
+ Classroom technology
+ Interprofessional focus of core curriculum to build a team approach to health care
+ State of the art laboratories and clinical equipment located in the Doisy College of Health Sciences
+ Study abroad track available allowing students to study at SLU's campus in Madrid, Spain for up to four semesters during the pre-professional phase of the program

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Graduate Programs
For a full listing of graduate programs, visit graduate.slu.edu.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission consideration for the athletic training program is initially based on a strong overall academic background.

Admission criteria include cumulative GPA, science and math GPA and ACT/SAT test scores. The minimum cumulative GPA is a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The minimum composite ACT score is 24, with no subsection lower than a 22, or equivalent SAT scores. Currently, the average GPA of admitted students is 3.5/4.0 and the average ACT score is 25.

Required high school courses include:
+ Four years of high school English
+ Four years of high school math, with achievement to at least the level of precalculus
+ Four years of high school science, including biology and chemistry with physics encouraged but not required
+ At least two years of a modern foreign language recommended

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

+ SLU’s athletic training program is the standard of excellence within the field, boasting a 100 percent pass rate on Board of Certification Exams throughout the history of the program, outstanding placement rates in the field and students and faculty that have been honored at national and international levels.
+ The program has a proven track record of global engagement: SLU AT has a curricular track in which students can attend the SLU Madrid campus for up to four semesters, an international clinical exchange program with universities in Spain and Ireland, and the program is an institutional member of the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT) – the program proudly hosted the 2015 WFATT World Congress on the SLU campus.
+ The program provides incredible opportunities to connect with the AT profession. Students have a chance to be involved in the Annual Athletic Training Speaker Series and National Athletic Training Month each spring. Faculty members serve in prominent roles in state, regional and national organizations in athletic training. Additionally, our program houses the editorial offices of the Journal of Athletic Training and the Athletic Training Education Journal.

Benefits of the athletic training program also include several career opportunities. Certified athletic trainers are employed in many settings such as:
+ High schools
+ Colleges and universities
+ Professional sports
+ Sports medicine clinics
+ The military
+ Performing arts

In addition to providing patient care, athletic trainers also work as clinical researchers, administrators, faculty members and clinical instructors at colleges or universities.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need. In addition to University scholarships, the Doisy College of Health Sciences Alumni Association offers a scholarship to sophomores, juniors and seniors.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.